Response Journal Instructions

Fold a sheet of looseleaf in half lengthwise, giving you two columns. Do not draw a line down the centre fold.

On the top left, put your name; top right put the date; in the centre on the line put the Journal number and the pages you read today.

In the left column, write details from the text:

* Characters introduced and described
* Events that take place
* Places or contexts that add meaning
* Provocative images
* Themes or issues addressed
* Noteworthy quotations
* Impressive techniques or devices

In the right column, write details from the text:

* Feelings
* Questions
* Connections
* comments
* Predictions

about each detail on the left.

Eg.

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| Shari | Journal #1 p. 1-27 Feb. 13/12 |
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|  | Cover This title is very close to another book I read called |
|  | The Room. I wonder if it will be anything like the |
|  | book. The other one was scary, this one just seems |
|  | weird. |
|  | p. 4 I looked down at Rug… I don’t get why all the nouns, or things in the room, |
|  | have capitals. I know it’s a little boy telling the |
|  | story, but that doesn’t explain it. The same items |
|  | don’t have capitals when the mom sees them. |

This journal page can be handy as you are reading. That way, as you think of things to say, you can write them down immediately rather than going back and trying to think of something to say.l

Don’t forget to look at the rubric, or scoring sheet, to try to get the best marks you can.